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SESSION

REF: SAN JOSE 1708

1. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY SAN JOSE' S REFERENCED TELEGRAM ON MAY 17-20 BANANA PRODUCERS MEETING AND REQUEST THAT EMBASSY REPORT MEETING' S MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WOULD BE ANY POSITIONS WHICH PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO PUT FORTH AT FIFTH SESSION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON BANANAS (IGB) TO BE HELD IN BREMEN FROM JULY 10-20. POSTS IN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO SAN JOSE MEETING ALSO REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SUMMARY OF THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS' VIEWS OF RESULTS.

2. IN ADDITION TO SAN JOSE MEETING WE UNDERSTAND THAT LATIN BANANA PRODUCERS ALSO INTEND TO HOLD SECOND GATHERING IN DAVID, PANAMA FROM JUNE 6-8, WHICH SIMILARLY DESIGNED TO FIND COMMON GROUND AMONG LATINS IN ADVANCE OF IGB. PRINCIPAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT PANAMA MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELD UNDER OAS AUSPICES, WILL REPORTEDLY BE THREAT OF OVERPRODUCTION, LOW CONSUMPTION IN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND POSSIBILITY OF MEASURES (SUCH AS JOINT VENTURES) TO PROMOTE THAT CONSUMPTION, AND RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MAJOR MARKETING COMPANIES (STANDARD, UNITED, AND DEL MONTE) AND

HOST GOVERNMENTS. EMBASSY PANAMA AND POSTS IN COUNTRIES SENDING DELEGATIONS ALSO REQUESTED TO PROVIDE TELEGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF DAVID MEETING, WITH EMPHASIS ON DISCUSSION OF COMPANY- GOVERNMENT RELATIONS.

3. THESE REPORTING REQUESTS ARE RELATED TO PREPARATION FOR USG PARTICIPATION IN BREMEN IGB SESSION. IN ADDITION TO USUAL STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF MARKET SITUATION AND OUTLOOK, FIFTH SESSION OF IGB WILL FOCUS ON TARIFF AND NON- TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE (IN CONTEXT OF MTNS) AND RECONSIDERATION OF FEASIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO GOVERN TRADE IN BANANAS. FORTHCOMING IGB SESSION ALSO CONTEMPLATED AS FORERUNNER TO LATER INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON BANANAS, WHICH ARE TO BE JOINTLY SPONSORED BY FAO AND UNCTAD.. RUSH

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